

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 26, 2010

REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, April 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Powers presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Keith Nesbitt, Kevin Hanley, Bill Kirby, Bridget Powers, J. M. Holmes

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Robert Richardson, City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Public Works Director Jack Warren, Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder, Transit Analyst Megan Siren, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath, Police Captain John Ruffcorn.

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code Section 54957:6

Initiation of Litigation: Two Potential Cases
G.C. 54956.9(c)

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commendation for Odd Fellows & Rebekahs
Commendation for Kim Reed (APD Employee)

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus of the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Warrants**

By **RESOLUTION 10-33** approve Warrants # 74470 through # 74693 totaling \$1,462,991.26.

2. **Minutes**

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of 03/22/2010.

3. **Rule 20A – Revised Underground Utility District 2008A Boundary**

By **RESOLUTION 10-34**, modify the City of Auburn Underground Utility District 2008A along Lincoln Way and High Street as shown on Exhibit A.

4. **2010 Placer County Air Pollution Control District Clean Air Grant Contract– Bike Lockers/ Bike Racks & Public Outreach**

By **RESOLUTION 10-35**, authorize the Engineering Division Manager to sign and execute the Clean Air Grant Contract No. CN025337 with the Placer County Air Pollution Control District for the Bike Lockers and Racks and associated Public Outreach within the City of Auburn.

5. **Establishment of the Auburn Employee Association**

By **RESOLUTION 10-36**, approve the Auburn Employee Association as a Certified Organization representing the General Unit.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION**, approve the consent calendar.

MOTION: Holmes/ Nesbitt/Approved 5:0

6. **Public Comment**

Joanne Neft, resident on Aeolia in Auburn, expressed concern about bears in her neighborhood. She also asked about use of gray water.

Council Member Holmes congratulated the work recently done by Rotary on local parks. He also recognized the Sierra Club for the recent clean-up day.

Council Member Holmes stated he would like staff to look into the former Boys and Girls Building, rental options, costs, etc; and report back to Council.

Council Member Nesbitt said he would like the City to consider use of solar panels to light the jury parking lot.

REPORTS

7. City Council Committee Reports

Council Member Holmes said Auburn is now on the website for the Geotourism Effort.

Council Member Holmes said the Mayor and he just returned from the Cap-to-Cap Conference. He reported on the successes of the trip.

Council Member Hanley said a flyer is available on Project Canyon Safe taking place May 22nd from 8am-2pm. He said this is a community effort at Robie Point to clear vegetation to promote fire safety. He said there is a fund set up with the Auburn Chamber to accept donations. He said more details will be available at the May 10th City Council meeting.

Council Member Kirby reported that the Placer County Wastewater Authority is looking at funds for a plant project in North Auburn estimated at \$80 million.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

8. SHAAC Recommendations to Council

Council Member Nesbitt, chair of SHAAC, presented recommendations to Council. He stated he would like to also have a conversation about funding for art pieces.

Council Member questions followed: (1) interpretive sign locations, (2) purpose of criteria for "people" nominations on pavers, (3) concerns about naming people on pavers, (4) funding and budget, (5) notorious people, and (6) the role of these criteria in future phases of Streetscape.

Mayor Powers encouraged the Council and the community to move forward on these decisions so Streetscape development can continue.

Mike Emmert, SHAAC committee member, said he is in the subcommittee for the Central Square interpretative sign. He presented the 5 ideas they

came up with for this sign. He also encouraged the Council to offer a budget on these projects.

Marti Niles, SHAAC committee member who also acts as liaison to Arts Commission. She is on the subcommittee for the River and Confluence themed interpretative sign. She spoke about their current ideas for the sign.

Harvey Roper, SHAAC committee member, who is also on the Endurance themed interpretative sign subcommittee. He spoke about their current ideas for this sign. He also said he disagrees with the criteria for pavers including a deceased requirement. He clarified that pavers will include a name and a brief description.

Michael Otten, SHAAC committee member and lead of the Historical Work Group subcommittee, explained how the committee developed criteria for pavers.

Angela Tahti, the director of PlacerArts, offered her organizations technical assistance for a call for artists in regards to the art pieces in Central Square. She also said the temporary art pieces could result in having art on display more quickly.

Mayor Powers encouraged Ms. Tahti to work with the Auburn Arts Commission.

Council Member Holmes said a budget needs to be established. He also said the art pieces for the pedestals should not be too limited in the call for artists.

Council Member Hanley feels that community acceptance of the Streetscape project has increased but he said the art pieces should be funded by private funds. He said he would like to see the third art piece honoring veterans.

Council Member Kirby said the theme of the third art piece should ultimately be determined by the City Council. He recommended ideas for the River and Confluence interpretative sign and asked SHAAC to present a budget request to AUDA.

Council Member Nesbitt clarified that there many phases in the future to consider and the "whole story will not fit into Central Square." He said the United Auburn Indian Community would still like to be considered for the third art piece.

By **MOTION**,

1. Approve the themes for the Interpretive Signs as follows:
 - A) Endurance
 - B) Central Square
 - C) River and Confluence
2. SHAAC to determine theme of third art piece and bring a recommendation back to Council for approval.
3. Formally approve the name "Central Square".
4. Approve the criteria for evaluation of significant people, places, or history.

MOTION: Hanley/ Holmes/ Approved 5:0

Council Member conversation followed regarding funding.

Council Member Hanley moved that the three art pieces in Central Square be funded by private funds only and Councilmember Holmes seconded the motion for purposes of discussion.

Council Member Holmes said he would like to reviews avenues for funding other then donations.

Council Member Nesbitt clarified that funding was originally budgeted for interpretative signs and pavers.

Council Member Hanley withdrew his motion.

Council Member Hanley moved to direct staff to present to the Council funding options for the three art pieces.

Sue Dings, Chair of the Auburn Arts Commission, expressed her support for public funding of art for the Streetscape.

Angela Tahti said private funding is very difficult for public art and she said she would like the Council not to close the door on public funds for this effort.

Patricia Milthorpe, an international student from Australia who has lived in Auburn for 3 years expressed her support for use of public funds.

By **MOTION**, direct staff to bring forward funding options to future meeting of AUDA.

MOTION: Hanley/ Holmes/ Approved 5:0

The Council recessed for 5 minutes.

9. **Sewer Rates**

Council Member Hanley presented this item. He said due to savings on current construction projects at the wastewater plant, future sewer rate increase might be halted and lower sewer rates might be sufficient for the next year.

Council Member questions follow: (1) notice to treasurer/ tax collector of rate increases (2) estimated time to complete staff analysis, (3) possibility of motion to halt increase immediately.

By **MOTION** direct staff to bring before the City Council an agenda item that would give the Council the option of halting the scheduled monthly sewer rate increase from \$56.25 to \$58.25 for FY 2010-11.

MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/ Approved 5:0

By **MOTION** direct staff to analyze and present to the City Council a revised rate schedule (monthly sewer rates and connection fees), including a potential rate cut, based on the potential lower costs for upgrading the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) while maintaining sufficient money in the Sewer Fund to construct improvements to the City's sewer system.

MOTION: Hanley/ Holmes/ Approved 5:0

10. **Temporary Art on Pedestals in Central Square**

Council Member Kirby presented the item. He said there has been a lot of interest regarding consideration of community art to be placed in Central Square on a temporary revolving basis until permanent art is available. He said the Arts Commission would have approval and review of criteria to allow community art.

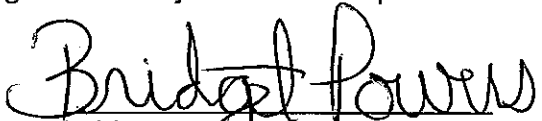
Sue Dings of the Arts Commission expressed concerns about this concept suggesting that installations of public art are expensive and not easily done on a temporary basis and that it may be difficult to interest artists in this project.

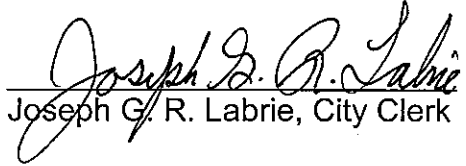
Council Member conversation followed regarding: (1) strictly voluntary basis, (2) student art, and (3) collaborate with PlacerArts.

By **MOTION**, encourage Arts Commission to discuss with PlacerArts the feasibility of placing temporary art in Central Square.

MOTION: Hanley/ Holmes/ Approved 4:1 (Kirby Abstained)

Mayor Powers adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:30p.m.


Bridget Powers, Mayor


Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk